Bible & Daily Living

Hope and the story of the ark

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EVERYONE NEEDS AND ARK
Lesson for November 7, 1982
Bible Study Passages: Joshua 3:14-4:7
INTRODUCTION

Everyone recalls the delightful story of Noah and the ark. This ancient story is a moving drama about hope. After weathering a forty day storm and swirling flood waters, Noah sends forth a dove to see if the waters had abated. The dove returns with a freshly plucked olive leaf in her beak. A sprig of hope!

Everyone needs an ark, some symbol to remind us that God does not fail us. Daily we look for certain signs that things may get better, that life still had promise and potential. We watch the rise and fall of the stock market on Wall Street. We listen to weather reports for signs of good weather or approaching storms. We look for a letter in the mailbox from a friend or loved one. We hope against hope for signs or voices that will assure us on our journey.

We struggle to look for signs of God's presence in the midst of our struggles and crises. In our daily routine and ritual we can draw from our spiritual and personal strengths to face the "giants" who struggle against us, who seek to take our "cities" and destroy us.

Successor to a Great Leader [Josh 3:1-17]

From our study of the Bible we know that Moses did not live to enter the promised land. He did observe it from the top of a mountain. Upon his death a new leader is divinely approved. Joshua surely felt the burden of leadership when he stepped in to fill the shoes of Moses.

God instructed Joshua to follow the law as relayed by Moses. With the renewed promises of God, Joshua set himself to the task of fighting the battle of Jericho. When the Israelites drew up to cross the Jordon River, they carried with them the ark of the covenant, a symbol of God's presence and power.

The ark became a powerful symbol to the Israelites. The ark went before the people as they made the conquest of the new land.

We, too, sometimes need a symbol to remind us of God's love and presence. Sometimes all we need is first a little flicker of light to prod us on in our journey.

A Memorial to God [Josh. 4:1-9]

We erect monuments to people who make significant contributins to humanity. We award the Nobel Prize to people who make great strides in research and peace. We also erect memorials over the graves of loved ones in order to honor their name.

When Joshua crossed the Jordon, he was instructed by God to build a memorial to that historic day.

Memorials are helpful ways to remind us of past blessings. They serve to jog our memory and spark our faith. Memorials should not be designed to bog us down in the past but to urge us on in the future. Memorials that live on tend to be the best kind. Living, memorials carry on a rich tradition and legacy. They keep on blessing in years to come. We might think about this in terms of providing a memorial in our church that will live on when we have died.

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Gospel sing slated Sunday

There will be a gospel sing this Sunday at the Church of God of Prophecy on Highway 1010 in Appomattox.

The sing is scheduled to begin at 7:30 p.m. The Rev. Allen Haley, pastor of the church, invites the public to attend.

Cantata planned at St. Anne's

"God's Love Gift," a musical cantata will be presented in December by members of St. Anne's Episcopal Church and Our Lady of Peace Catholic Church. Practice has been scheduled for every Thursday evening 7:30 p.m. at Our Lady of Peace Church.

All persons interested in participating are invited to attend practice this week.

MARY HUDSON AND EDITH FERGUSON, representing Canaan Baptist Church, present a check for $40.00 to the Appomattox County Volunteer Rescue Squad. Accepting on behalf of the squad is Mike Weiss.

Deaths

Mrs. J. P. Elder

Mrs. Mary Gilliam Elder, 68, of 125 Wayne Drive, died Monday at 1:20 p.m. in Virginia Baptist Hospital.

She was the wife of John Preston Elder. Born in Pamplin Aug. 19, 1914, she was the daughter of the late Willie Connie Gilliam and Eliza Frances Gills Gilliam. She was a member of College Hill Baptist Church and was a retired sales clerk for Leggetts department store.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Dan (Patricia) Scott of Normal, Ill., and Mrs. Harry (Linda) Whatley of Irvine, Calif.; four brothers, Lee E. Gilliam and Willie C. (W.C.) Gilliam, both of Lynchburg, Watt H. Gilliam, Pamplin, and Dabney T. Gilliam, Roanoke; three sisters, Mrs. Wilsie C. Bruce and Mrs. C.C. Ranson, both of Lynchburg, and Mrs. Coralee Babcock of Columbia, S.C.; and four grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted at 2 p.m. Thursday at Virginia Funeral Chapel by the Rev. Wayne E. Varner. Interment will be in Fort Hill Memorial Park.

The family requests that those wishing to make memorials please consider the Lynchburg Dialysis Facility, 2011 Tate Springs Road, Lynchburg, 24501.

Mrs. Beatrice Inge Garrett

Mrs. Beatrice Inge Garrett, 87, of Evergreen, died at 9 a.m. Monday at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Lowell Fleshman.

She was the wife of the late William Calvin Garrett. She was born in Appomattox County, a daughter of the late Willie P. Inge and Hattie Davis Inge. She was a member of Evergreen Baptist Church.

She is survived by three daughters, Mrs. Melvin (Margaret) Grisham and Mrs. Lowell (Doris) Fleshman, both of Evergreen, and Mrs. Thomas (Louise) Paulette, Charlotte Court House; a son, David L. Garrett, Lynchburg; 15 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were Wednesday at Evergreen Baptist Church by the Rev.E.M. Terry and the Rev. Virgil Hudson. Burial was in Evergreen Cemetery.

Eugene Gilliam Jones

Eugene Gilliam Jones, 85, of 1317 Fenwick Drive and formerly of Pocahontas, died Monday morning at Virginia Baptist Hospital. He was the widower of Dehra McCann Jones.

He was born in Appomattox County, the son of the late Grandison Stratton Jones and Mary Anne Wingfield Jones. He was a member of Pocahontas Baptist Church. He was associated with Swift & Co. for a number of years and later retired from the wholesale grocery business.

He is survived by one son, Jack Michael Jones, and two grandsons, Jack Michael Jones Jr. and Kevin L. Jones, all of Lynchburg.

A graveside service was held Tuesday at Fort Hill Memorial Park by the Rev. Norvell R. Green and the Rev. James G. Thompson.

Memorials can be made to American Cancer Society.

Celebration set at Mt. Zion

Mt. Zion Baptist Church at Stonewall will hold a 21st anniversary celebration for pastor, the Rev. C. L. Elliott, on Sunday, Nov. 7 at 3 p.m.

The Rev. James Miller will be guest speaker. He will be accompanied by the Mt. Airy Young Adults' Choir, the Gospel Harmonettes, the Canaan Baptist Church Senior Choir, and the Mt. Zion Baptist Church Choir.

The public is cordially invited to attend this celebration.

'Two Century' celebration set

Liberty Chapel Baptist Church will celebrate more than 200 years of Sunday School classes Nov. 7 at 10 a.m.

Anyone who ever attended Sunday School at the church is asked to attend the special service. The celebration is part of a national effort to promote the weekly Bible Study effort through the largest organization of the local church.

It is also part of the national 8.5 X, 85 effort to enroll an additional 1.2 million persons in Sunday School by September 1985.

Liberty Chapel Baptist Church, Sunday School Director, Volney Garrette, invites all unenrolled persons to attend the special service. The church is located on RFD. 8, Appomattox.

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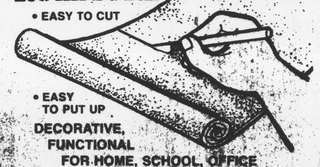

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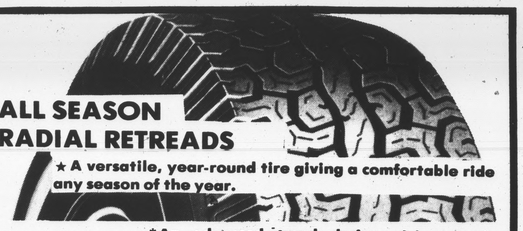

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Good News for Homemakers

Keep quality in frozen foods

By Shirley W. Walton
Extension Agent
Keeping Qualities of Frozen Foods

How long will frozen foods keep? Freezing is an excellent way of preserving the fresh qualities of many foods, but after a period of time the quality of all frozen foods decreases.

The length of time that a food maintains its high quality of nutrition in a freezer differs among various foods. However, some general practices will lengthen the storage life of all foods:

1. Make sure all foods are stored at or below 0 degrees F.
2. Open the freezer door as little as possible since changes, even at low temperatures, can cause unwanted changes in frozen foods.
3. Make sure the door gasket seals tightly.
4. Be sure to use the proper freezer containers. (Do not recycle plastic bags, such as bread wrappers, etc., because these are not freezer quality bags.)

Individual foods have different freezer storage characteristics. For instance, most fruits keep well for 8 to 12 months, but citrus fruits start to lose their fresh flavor after 4 to 6 months in a freezer. Most vegetables freeze well for up to 10 months. This is why you should not carry vegetables and fruits over in the freezer from year to year.

Fish will vary according to the fat content in the particular fish. Fatty fish, such as salmon and rainbow trout, keep about three months. Leaner fish, such as cod, sole, haddock and halibut, will keep longer-6 months or so.

There is also some freezing time variation among meats. Beef, veal and lamb can be stored for 8 months to one year. Pork roasts, pork chops and poultry should be used sooner, usually within 6 to 8 months.

Ground and cut-up meat should be used within 3 or 4 months and cured meat should be frozen no longer than 2 months. Prepared or variety meats should be used within 4 months.

In general, dairy products should not be frozen for long periods of time. Soft and hard cheeses, milk and cream should be frozen no longer than 2 months. Some cheeses, such as blue and processed cheese, should be used within 3 or 4 months.

Storage time for baked goods also varies. Most cookies keep well for 6 months. Quick breads, biscuits and muffins vary between 2 and 6 months. (The amount and type of fat used as a shortening in these will cause the variance.) Date and yeast breads can be stored for 6 months or so, but unbaked dough should be used sooner, within 2 weeks.

Cakes, which are frosted or unfrosted, can be stored for 4 months. Frozen fruit pies should be used within 6 months and mincemeat pies should be frozen no longer than 4 months. Chiffon and pumpkin pies should be used within one month or so.

Use common sense in rotating foods in your freezer so that you will not have foods of poor quality. You may wish to clip this article and post it on the side of your freezer. This will help you have a reminder of the length of time you store things. It is also very helpful to have a running inventory on the side of your freezer so you can be sure that you are rotating foods in and out and are not leaving anything in too long. another way to handle this is to date anything that has a short-term storage life, such as baked goods or specialty meats.

If you have a homemaking question or problem, you may call 352-8244 or you may write P. O. Box 188, Appomattox, VA 24522. It is always a pleasure to hear from you and to help you.

Have a good week!

Recipe of the Week
Lee's Hot Chocolate Sauce
6 squares unsweetened chocolate
2 cups sugar
1/4 lb. butter
1 large can evaporated milk
1 teaspoon vanilla
dash salt

Melt chocolate. Add butter, sugar and salt. Boil for a few minutes. Add milk. Bring back to boil. Add vanilla and blend thoroughly. Serve warm. Rich and good over any pudding, cake or ice cream. Keeps well in the refrigerator for a week or two.

Thanks to Mrs. Lee Wallis for sharing this sumptious recipe with us. It is so good you will lick the plate or bowl clean.

Holland attends Council

Mrs. Ivey Holland of Appomattox attended the 34th Alumnae Council at Randolph-Macon Woman's College Oct. 21-23.

Alumnae Council is a yearly event that brings nationwide volunteer alumnae representatives together for a series of workshops, planning sessions and social gatherings. A highlight of the event was a preview of the college's new student activity center. Randolph-Macon Woman's College is a small, liberal arts college known for its high academic standards.

Holland is the class secretary for the Class of 1934 at R-MWC.

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Personal Notes

Joann Fleshman and her group, The Appomattox Travelers, recently spent a day at the World's Fair. Forty-six travelers enjoyed the day's outing.

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Mrs. Doris Tignar Hackworth of Clearwater, Fla., has returned to her home after spending two weeks at the home of her sister, Mrs. Eula Franklin. While here, they visited friends in Washington, D.C.

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Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Jackson and Miss Carolyn Harvey travelled with Rev. Raymond Turner to Martinsville last Saturday to visit Mr. Jackson's brother, Mr. Charlie Jackson.

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Mrs. Gladys P. Cheatham has returned home from Virginia Baptist Hospital. She is doing very nicely.

Bride-elect is honored

Miss Sandra Ferguson, bride-elect, was honored on Friday, October 22, when Mrs. Maurine Harrison and Mrs. Edith McCormick entertained with a miscellaneous shower in the Harrison home.

The wedding of Miss Ferguson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Thomas Ferguson, to Jeffrey C. Ross, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ross of Goode, will take place November 26, in Liberty Baptist Church in Appomattox.

Among the guests attending were Mrs. John T. Ferguson, mother of the bride-elect; Mrs. Henry Ross, mother of the groom-elect; Mrs. Minnie Ferguson, grandmother of the bride-elect; Mrs. Lucy Wright, grandmother of the groom-elect and friends and relatives.

Nadine Bugg to marry

Miss Nadine Faye Bugg

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Herndon Bugg of Appomattox are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter, Nadine Faye, to Mr. John Edward Blakely, son of Rev. and Mrs. David Dewey Blakely, Jr. of Altavista.

Miss Bugg is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Roosevelt Kestner of Appomattox. Mr. Blakely is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Roy W. Wood of Chesapeake and the late Mr. John C. Kirkland.

Miss Bugg is a 1979 graduate of Appomattox County High School, attended Central Virginia Community College, Eastern Mennonite College in Harrisonburg, and will graduate in December with a B.S. degree in education from Averett College in Danville.

The wedding will be an event of June 25, 1983 at 2:00 in the afternoon at Liberty Baptist Church in Appomattox. Invitations will be issued prior to the wedding ceremony.

Miss Ferguson honored

Miss Sandra Ferguson, whose marriage to Jeffrey C. Ross will take place in November, was honored recently with a bridal shower, at the home of Mrs. Eric Almond of Lynchburg.

Assisting Mrs. Almond were Mrs. Karen Feagan and Mrs. Alma Almond, cousin and aunt of the bride.

The Ross-Ferguson wedding will take place at eight o'clock in the evening of November 26 at the Liberty Baptist Church in Appomattox.

Birth announced

HMI and Mrs. Neal Cabaniss announce the birth of a daughter, Laura Elizabeth, 6 lb. 14 oz. at Virginia Baptist Hospital. They are also parents of two other children, Diane, age 6 and Scott, 20 months.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Luttrell Farris of Lynchburg. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Berkley Cabaniss of Appomattox.

Phelps to wed

Mr. and Mrs. Howard C. Phelps of Rt. 3, Appomattox, announce the engagement of their daughter, Teresa Gaye, to Stephen Daniel Rudolph, son of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Knight Rudolph, of Rt. 1, Forest, Va.

The wedding will be December 18, 1982 at 2:30 p.m. at Mt. Comfort United Methodist Church. The reception will be at the church following the ceremony.

Friends and relatives are invited to attend.

Diet Club meeting planned

The Slim and Trim diet club will hold its weekly meeting Tuesday, Nov. 9 at 7 p.m. at the Central Fidelity Bank. The weekly seminar deals with how to develop and maintain willpower.

Remember, you can join Slim and Trim anytime. For information, call Julie Coffman at 352-8611.

McCormicks have holiday cookout

On Tuesday, Oct. 26 at 5 p.m., a Halloween cookout was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. B. McCormick, Tanglewood Farm, Spout Spring.

The Children I, Sunday School Department of Liberty Baptist Church, a happy, excited group of children played games, led by David Davis. After the games they grouped for pictures taken and then the thanks for blessings offered by Mr. McCormick.

Mr. Jamerson, Mr. Doss, and Mr. McCormick helped the little folks roast their hot dogs over the fire. The teachers then filled their plates with baked beans, slaw, potato tots, potato chips, brownies, cookies and drink.

After running and playing in the yard the children were given a Halloween treat before climbing back into the cars to go back to church to meet parents.

Those enjoying this cookout were Phillip Almond, Wade Mays, Matthew Richardson, Chris Smith and teacher, Dale Hughes, Ben Cole, Nathan Lee, Thomas Noden, Jeff Stratton, Rod Williams, and teacher, Betty Torrence; Tori Banton, Angela Dawson, Laura Williams and teacher Mildred Hubbard; Dawn Harris, Stacie O'Brien, Laura Slagle, Jody Youngblood and teacher, Virginia Doss.

Also, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Jamerson, Mr. Samuel Doss and Mr. and Mrs. McCormick.

Young Hearts outing slated

The Young Hearts Club will visit Holiday Inn South, Lynchburg for a luncheon on Nov. 17. Club members will leave Memorial United Methodist Church at 11:45. Lunch will be at 12:30.

Cost will be $6.21, for all you can eat. Price includes tax, tips and private room. There will also be entertainment.

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